

In re application of : Barbera-Guillem, et al.
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REMARKS

In response to the Species Election Requirements dated January 25, 2007, Applicants reply as follows.

A. Applicants hereby amend claim 45 to recite that the claimed method depletes B cells. Thus, claim 45 can be grouped with claims 1, 26, 33, and 38 (and dependent claims) in searching the species CD19+ B cells and site-directed (see reply filed on 11/13/06).

B. With respect to claims 21, 29, 36, and 41, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the species of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

C. The Amendments presented here are believed to place the application in better form for examination and allowance. The amendment to claim 45 is supported by the specification as filed, and no new matter is added by this Amendment.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner notes that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim. With the above election, the application is now in condition for examination, and consideration for allowance on the merits. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this matter.

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While no additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any needed fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2051 referencing attorney docket number 26983-133.

Respectfully submitted,

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